

active and being in the form of a solidified melt or solution.

22. (amended) A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the melt or solution has an average viscosity of from 2000 to 15000 mPas as said melt or solution is introduced into said recess.

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23. (amended) A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the region mounted in said recess dissolves more than 5% faster than the compressed portion.

25. (amended) A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein said carrier material comprises one or more fusible materials selected from the group consisting of nonionic surfactants, polyethylene glycols, caustic soda, soaps, salts, and waxes.

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26. (amended) A detergent tablet according to claim 21 wherein the region mounted in said recess includes a dissolution retarder.

33. (amended) A process for preparing a detergent tablet having two or more regions comprising the steps of:

(a) compressing a particulate composition comprising a

detergent active component to form a compressed region of the tablet having a recess;

(b) delivering to said recess a solution or melt comprising at least one detergent active component and a fusible carrier material; and

(c) solidifying said solution or melt to form a region mounted in said recess.

Please cancel claims 34 and 35.

B4 ~~2. 36.~~ (amended) A process according to claim ~~33~~¹ wherein said compressed region is compressed by a rotary press.

~~4. 38.~~ (amended) A process according to claim ~~33~~¹ wherein said step of solidifying said melt or solution comprises a cooling step.

1 sub B5 39. (amended) A process according to claim 33 wherein said step for delivering the melt or solution to the recess comprises adding a volume of melt or solution equal to the internal volume of the mould so that upon solidifying of said melt or solution, the surface of the tablet is smooth.

6. 40. (amended) A process according to claim ~~33~~¹ wherein said fusible carrier material is melted at a temperature greater than